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SUBJ: ARAB ARRESTS UP DURING PAST YEAR.

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN OFFICER JAN 27, LOCAL RED CROSS (ICRC) REPRESENTATIVES SAID THAT WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO DRAMATIC INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ARRESTS OF WEST BANKERS AND OTHER ARABS IN RECENT MONTHS, THERE HAS BEEN STEADY MONTH-TO-MONTH INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ARABS IN PRISON IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ISRAEL. THEY SAID THERE ARE ABOUT 1,080 ARABS

IN PRISONS ON WEST BANK AS COMPARED WITH ABOUT 860 APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO. (THIS IS NOT TOTAL OF WEST BANKERS IN PRISON SINCE MANY ARE IN JAILS IN ISRAEL PROPER.)

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2. TOTAL OF NON-ISRAELI ARABS UNDER ARREST OR DETENTION IN ISRAEL AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AT PRESENT IS ABOUT 3,100 AS COMPARED WITH ABOUT 2,600 A YEAR AGO. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF ARABS IDENTIFIED AS EGYPTIAN, LEBANESE, SYRIAN, IRAQUI, ETC., AS WELL AS WEST BANKERS (MAINLY JORDANIAN CITIZENS) AND GAZANS. THEY WERE UNABLE ESTIMATE HOW MANY WEST BANKERS INCLUDED IN THIS TOTAL. FIGURE INCLUDES THOSE BEING HELD FOR ALL CASUES, NOT JUST SECURITY.

3. SOURCE SAID NUMBER OF ARABS UNDER "ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION" HAS GONE DOWN RECENTLY FROM ABOT 45 TO 37 OR 38. HE THOUGHT ARABS GENERALLY CITE MUCH LARGER FIGURE BECAUSE (IN ADDITION TO SIMPLE EXAGGERATION) THEY INCLUDE MANY UNDER ARREST AWAITING TRIAL WHEN SUCH TRIAL IS DELAYED FOR LONG PERIOD, AS FREQUENTLY OCCURS. THESE ARE TECHNICALLY NOT ADMINISTRATIVE DETAINEES, HOWEVER, SINCE THEY ARE ULTIMATELY CHARGED AND TRIED.

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